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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/014,789 Confirmation No.: 1625  
Applicants : Sarah Metcalfe, *et al.*  
Filed : December 14, 2001  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING COLLABORATIVE  
PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS IN A SUPPLY CHAIN  
TC/A.U. : 3639  
Examiner : Ruta Wu  
Docket No. : 82001-0296  
Customer No. : 24633

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three month	\$ 1020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four month	\$ 1590.00	\$ 795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five month	\$ 2160.00	\$ 1080.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: **\$ 120.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	42	MINUS	42	= 0	x 50/25 =	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	4	MINUS	4	= 0	x 100/200 =	\$ 0.00
Extension of Time for Four Months						\$ 0.00
						<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 0.00

No additional fee is required.

A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \$120.00.

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Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office action of October 27, 2005, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.